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SUBJECT: TAPLINE: NO CRISIS

REF: BEIRUT 9595

1. DODGE INFORMS US HE HAS INFORMED GOL FINMIN DG KHALIL SALEM THAT TAPLINE WILL RPT WILL RESUME PUMPING CRUDE TO SIDON ON TEMPORARY BASIS TO FULFILL DAILY 17,500/BBL REQUIREMENTS OF MEDRECO REFINERY AND AVERT AUGUST FUEL CRISIS. DODGE STRESSED TO SALEM THAT TAPLINE CAN MAKE NO LONG TERM COMMITMENTS UNTIL TAPLINE'S VIABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SETTLED. HE HAD NO RPT NO DETAILS AS TO HOW TAPLINE WOULD PUMP. (IT WOULD PUMP AT A HEALTHY RATE AND FILL TANK FARM WITH IN A FEW WEEKS OR MEASURE OUT MEDRECO'S EXACT DAILY NEEDS.)

2. DODGE MADE CLEAR TAPLINE NOT RPT NOT RESUMING NORMAL OPERATIONS AND NOT RPT NOT EXPORTING CRUDE: COMPANY IS MERELY SUPPLING ESSENTIAL LOCAL CRUDE REQUIREMENTS " FOR THE TIME BEING". RETAINING OPTIONS AS TO WHEN PUMPING STOPS. HE NOTED CONFIDENTIALLY
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THAT, IN ADDITION SAUDI CONSIDERATIONS, TAPLINE NOW EXPECTS

TO SETTLE GOL BACK DEBT PROBLEM SHORTLY AND RECEIVE A SIZE-
ABLE PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT SO IS NOT INTERESTED IN CRISIS HERE AT
THIS STAGE.

3. RESUMED PUMPING LIKELY BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE WHEN IT
OCCURS.
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